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In re

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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: Chapter 11 Case No.

LEXINGTON PRECISION CORP., et al., : 08-11153 (MG)

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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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NOTICE OF DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 327(a) AND 328(a) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 2014(a) AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEBTORS, NUNC PRO TUNC TO THE COMMENCEMENT DATE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Lexington Precision Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Lexington Rubber Group, Inc. (together, the "Debtors"), in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court") filed an application, dated April 2, 2008 (the "Application"), for entry of an order, pursuant to sections 327(a) and 328(a) of the title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 2014 of the Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), authorizing the employment and retention of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP as attorneys for the Debtors, nunc pro tunc to April 1, 2008, the commencement date of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections or responses, if any, to the Application must be in writing, must conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") and the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, must set forth the name of the objecting party, the nature and amount of claims or interests held or asserted by the objecting party against the Debtors' estates or property, the basis for the objection and the specific grounds therefor, and must be filed no later than April 16, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) with the Bankruptcy Court electronically in accordance with General Order M-242 (General Order M-242 and the User's Manual for the Electronic Case Filing System may be found at www.nysb.uscourts.gov, the official website for the Bankruptcy Court) by registered users of the Bankruptcy Court's case filing system, and by all other parties in interest on a 3.5 inch disk, preferably in Portable Document Format (PDF), WordPerfect, or any other Windows-based word processing format (with a hard copy delivered directly to Chambers), in accordance with General Order M-182, and be served upon: (a) the Debtors, Lexington Precision Corp., 800 Third Ave. 15th Floor, New York, New York 10023 (Attn: Michael A. Lubin), (b) the attorneys for the Debtors, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153 (Attn: Christopher J. Marcus, Esq. and Conray C. Tseng, Esq.); (c) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, 33 Whitehall Street, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10004, (Attention: Paul Schwartzberg, Esq.); (d) attorneys for the Debtors' prepetition lenders, Waller, Landsden, Dortch & Davis LLP, 511 Union Street, Suite 2700, Nashville, TN, 37219 (Attn: John C. Tishler); (e) attorneys for any statutory committees appointed in these cases; and (f) attorneys for Debtors' proposed postpetition lenders, O'Melveny & Meyers, LLP, Times Square Tower, 7 Times Square, New

York, NY 10036 (Attn.: Gerald Bender, Esq.), so as to be received no later than **April 16, 2008**, at **4:00 p.m.** (prevailing Eastern Time).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing to consider the relief requested in the Application shall be held before the Honorable Martin Glenn, United States Bankruptcy Judge, on **April 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.** (**prevailing Eastern Time**), at the United States Bankruptcy Court, Alexander Hamilton Custom House, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004 or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

Dated: April 2, 2008

New York, New York

/s/ Richard P. Krasnow

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TO THE HONORABLE MARTIN GLENN, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Lexington Precision Corporation and Lexington Rubber Group, Inc., as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, "Lexington" or the "Debtors"), respectfully represent:

Background

1. On April 1, 2008 (the "Commencement Date"), the Debtors each commenced with this Court a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Debtors are authorized to continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

2. The Debtors' chapter 11 cases have been consolidated for procedural purposes only and are being jointly administered pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules").

Lexington's Businesses

- 3. Lexington manufactures large volumes of high-quality rubber and metal components at competitive prices for use primarily in automobiles and medical devices.

 Lexington operates through two operating segments—the Rubber Group and the Metals Group.

 Lexington's components are generally sold to other manufacturers.
- 4. Lexington is one of North America's largest manufacturers of rubber components for the automotive industry. The Rubber Group's principal products are connector seals used in primary wire harnesses and insulators for ignition wire sets. The Rubber Group also manufactures and sells rubber components used in a variety of medical devices, including drug delivery systems, syringes, laparoscopic instruments, and catheters, which are sold to some of the world's largest medical device manufacturers.
- 5. The Metals Group manufactures high-volume aluminum, brass, steel, and stainless steel components machined from bars, forgings, and cold-headed blanks primarily for manufacturers within the automotive industry. These components are used in many applications, including heating and cooling systems, airbag systems, solenoids, switches, and valves.
- 6. Lexington is headquartered in New York, New York, and maintains manufacturing plants in New York, Georgia, Ohio, and South Carolina. As of February 29, 2008, Lexington employed approximately 651 permanent and 22 temporary employees, of which 134 are salaried employees and 517 are hourly employees. In 2007, Rubber Group net sales totaled \$74.5 million and Metals Group net sales totaled \$13.8 million. As of December 31,

2007, Lexington's consolidated unaudited financial statements reflected assets totaling approximately \$52.6 million, and current liabilities totaling approximately \$88.5 million.

Notwithstanding the Debtors' negative "book net worth" calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the Debtors have received a number of offers for all or portions of the assets and business of the Lexington Rubber Group, the largest of the Debtors' operations and the generator of the preponderance of the Debtors' sales and earnings, each of which clearly indicates that the value of the Debtors' assets far exceeds the Debtors' liabilities. Consequently, the Debtors believe that they are solvent and that the equity securities of Lexington Precision have significant value.

Jurisdiction

7. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § § 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § § 1408 and 1409.

Relief Requested

8. The Debtors seek court approval pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code to employ and retain Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP ("WG&M"), nunc pro tunc to the Commencement Date, as their attorneys in connection with the commencement and prosecution of their chapter 11 cases. Pursuant to section 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors, as debtors in possession, request that the Court approve the retention of WG&M, under a general retainer, as their attorneys, to perform the extensive legal services that will be necessary during their chapter 11 cases in accordance with WG&M's normal hourly rates in effect when services are rendered and normal reimbursement policies.

The Retention of WG&M

- 9. The Debtors have been informed that Marcia L. Goldstein, Richard P. Krasnow, and Christopher J. Marcus, members of WG&M, Victoria Vron, John W. Lucas, and Conray C. Tseng, associates of, WG&M, as well as other members of, counsel to, and associates of WG&M who will be employed in these chapter 11 cases, are members in good standing of, among others, the Bar of the State of New York and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.
- 10. The Debtors have selected WG&M as their attorneys because of the firm's knowledge of the Debtors' businesses and financial affairs and its extensive general experience and knowledge, and in particular, its recognized expertise in the field of debtor's protections and creditors' rights and business reorganizations under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Over the last several decades, WG&M has been actively involved in major chapter 11 cases. WG&M currently represents or has represented the following debtors: Sharper Image, Inc.; PRC, LLC; Silicon Graphics, Inc.; Saint Vincent's Catholic Medical Centers; Atkins Nutritionals, Inc.; Footstar, Inc.; New World Pasta Company; Parmalat USA Corp.; Loral Space & Communications Ltd.; TL Administration Corporation; Republic Engineered Product Holdings; WestPoint Stevens Inc.; Worldcom, Inc.; Adelphia Business Solutions, Inc.; Enron Corp.; APW Ltd.; Agway, Inc.; Formica Corp.; Global Crossing Ltd.; Kasper A.S.L., Ltd.; Ames Department Stores, Inc.; AI Realty Marketing of New York, Inc.; Pergament Home Centers, Inc.; Regal Cinemas, Inc.; Republic Technologies Int'l, LLC; Rhythms NetConnections Inc.; Sunbeam Corporation; Bethlehem Steel Corporation; Armstrong Worldwide Industries; Genesis Health Services Corp.; Grand Union Corporation; Weiner's Stores; Carmike Cinemas, Inc.; DIMAC Marketing Corporation; Sun Healthcare Group, Inc.; United Companies Financial Corporation; Bruno's, Inc.; Consolidated Hydro, Inc.; G. Heileman Brewing Company, Inc.; Olympia & York

Development Limited; R.H. Macy & Co., Inc.; Best Products Co., Inc. I & II; P.A. Bergner & Co. Holding Company; The Drexel Burnham Lambert Group, Inc.; Eastern Air Lines, Inc.; Edison Brothers Stores, Inc. I & II; Texaco Inc.; and many others.

- 11. Since May 1987, WG&M has represented the Debtors in connection with various matters, including, more recently, the Debtors' current financial restructuring efforts. During the course of these representations, WG&M has become familiar with the Debtors' businesses, financial affairs, and capital structure. Accordingly, WG&M has the necessary background to deal effectively with many of the potential legal issues and problems that may arise in the context of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases. The Debtors believe that WG&M is both well qualified and uniquely able to represent them in their chapter 11 cases in a most efficient and timely manner.
- 12. Were the Debtors required to retain attorneys other than WG&M in connection with the prosecution of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors, their estates and all parties in interest would be unduly prejudiced by the time and expense necessarily attendant to such attorneys' familiarization with the intricacies of the Debtors and their business operations.

Scope of Services

- 13. The services of WG&M under a general retainer are appropriate and necessary to enable the Debtors to execute their duties as debtors and debtors in possession faithfully and to implement the restructuring and reorganization of the Debtors. Subject to further order of this Court, it is proposed that WG&M be employed to render the following professional services:
 - take all necessary or appropriate action to protect and preserve the
 estates of the Debtors, including the prosecution of actions on the
 Debtors' behalf, the defense of any actions commenced against the
 Debtors, the negotiation of disputes in which the Debtors are

- involved, and the preparation of objections to claims filed against the Debtors' estates;
- b. prepare on behalf of the Debtors, as debtors in possession, all necessary or appropriate motions, applications, answers, orders, reports, and other papers in connection with the administration of the Debtors' estates;
- c. to take all necessary or appropriate actions in connection with a plan or plans of reorganization and related disclosure statement(s) and all related documents, and such further actions as may be required in connection with the administration of the Debtors' estates; and
- d. perform all other necessary or appropriate legal services in connection with the prosecution of these chapter 11 cases.
- 14. It is necessary for the Debtors to employ attorneys under a general retainer to render the foregoing professional services. WG&M has stated its desire and willingness to act in these cases and render the necessary professional services as attorneys for the debtors and debtors in possession.

WG&M's Disinterestedness

- 15. To the best of the Debtors' knowledge, the members of, counsel, and associates of, WG&M do not have any connection with or any interest adverse to the Debtors, their creditors, or any other party in interest, or their respective attorneys and accountants, except as may be set forth in the affidavit of Richard P. Krasnow, a member of WG&M (the "Krasnow Affidavit"), annexed hereto as Exhibit A.
- 16. Based upon the Krasnow Affidavit, the Debtors submit that WG&M is a "disinterested person," as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors have been informed that WG&M will conduct an ongoing review of its files to ensure that no disqualifying circumstances

arise, and if any new relevant facts or relationships are discovered, WG&M will supplement its disclosure to the Court.

Professional Compensation

- 17. As set forth in the Krasnow Affidavit, WG&M received certain amounts from the Debtors as compensation for professional services performed relating to the potential restructuring of the Debtors' financial obligations and the potential commencement of these chapter 11 cases, and additional amounts for the reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in connection therewith. WG&M also has received a retainer fee and an advance against expenses for services to be performed in preparation for and prosecution of these chapter 11 cases, in the amount disclosed in the Krasnow Affidavit.
- The Debtors understand that WG&M hereafter intends to apply to the Court for allowances of compensation and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the "Local Rules"), the guidelines (the "Guidelines") established by the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "U.S. Trustee"), and further orders of this Court ("Orders") for all services performed and expenses incurred after the Commencement Date.
- 19. The Debtors, subject to the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, the Guidelines, and the Orders, propose to pay WG&M its customary hourly rates for services rendered that are in effect from time to time, as set forth in the Krasnow Affidavit, and to reimburse WG&M according to its customary reimbursement policies, and respectfully submit that such rates are reasonable.

Notice

20. No trustee, examiner, or statutory creditors' committee has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases. Notice of this Application will be provided to (i) the U.S. Trustee, (ii) the attorneys for the agents for the Debtors' prepetition lenders, (iii) the attorneys for the Debtors' proposed postpetition lenders, (iv) the attorneys for the ad hoc committee of noteholders, and (v) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis). The Debtors submit that no other or further notice need be provided.

WHEREFORE the Debtors respectfully request entry of an order granting the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as is just.

Dated: April 2, 2008 New York, New York

LEXINGTON PRECISION CORPORATION

By: /s/ Michael A. Lubin
Michael A. Lubin
Chairman of the Board of Directors
(Co-Principal Executive Officer)

LEXINGTON RUBBER GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Michael A. Lubin
Michael A. Lubin
Chairman of the Board of Directors
(Co-Principal Executive Officer)

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EXHIBIT A

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AFFIDAVIT AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OF RICHARD P.
KRASNOW PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTIONS
327, 328(a), 329 AND 504 AND FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY
PROCEDURE 2014(a) AND 2016(b) IN SUPPORT OF DEBTORS'
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STATE OF NEW YORK)	
)	SS
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)	

Richard P. Krasnow, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a member of the firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP ("<u>WG&M</u>" or the "<u>Firm</u>"), a law firm with principal offices at 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153; regional offices in Washington, D.C.; Houston, Dallas and Austin, Texas; Miami, Florida; Boston, Massachusetts; Menlo Park, California; Providence, Rhode Island; and Wilmington,

Delaware; and foreign offices in London, United Kingdom; Paris, France; Budapest, Hungary; Warsaw, Poland; Frankfurt, Germany; Prague, The Czech Republic; Shanghai, Hong Kong and Beijing, China; and Singapore. I am admitted to practice before this Court.

2. I submit this affidavit in connection with the application dated April 2, 2008 (the "Application") of Lexington Precision Corporation and Lexington Rubber Group, Inc. as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, "Lexington" or the "Debtors"), for approval of the Debtors' retention of WG&M, as their attorneys in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases at their normal hourly rates in effect from time-to-time and in accordance with their normal reimbursement policies, in compliance with sections 328(a), 329, and 504 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), and to provide disclosure required under Rules 2014(a) and 2016(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"). Unless otherwise stated in this affidavit, I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein. To the extent any information disclosed herein requires amendment or modification upon WG&M's completion of further review or as additional party-in-interest information becomes available to it, a supplemental affidavit will be submitted to the Court reflecting such amended or modified information.

WG&M's Disinterestedness

- 3. Except as set forth herein, to the best of my knowledge, after due inquiry, neither I, WG&M, nor any member or counsel, or associate of the Firm represents any party in interest or any other entity other than the Debtors in connection with these chapter 11 cases.
- 4. WG&M is a "disinterested person," as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in that WG&M, its members, counsel, and associates:

- a. are not creditors, equity security holders, or insiders of the Debtors;
- b. are not and were not, within two years before the Commencement Date a director, officer, or employee of the Debtors;
- c. do not have an interest materially adverse to the interests of the estates or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the Debtors or for any other reason; and
- d. have not represented any party in connection with matters relating to the Debtors, although WG&M has certain relationships with other parties in interest and other professionals in connection with unrelated matters.

WG&M's Prepetition Relationship with the Debtors

- 5. Since May 1987, WG&M has advised the Debtors on various matters. On or about December 7, 2006, WG&M began advising the Debtors in connection with their financial restructuring.
- 6. WG&M is not a creditor of the Debtors. In the one year prior to April 1, 2008 (the "Commencement Date"), WG&M received advances in the aggregate amount of approximately \$750,000 from the Debtors on account of services performed and to be performed, including the commencement and prosecution of these chapter 11 cases, and expenses incurred and to be incurred in connection therewith. As of the Commencement Date, the fees and expenses incurred by WG&M during the same one year period and debited against the amounts advanced to it by the Debtors approximated \$686,000. The precise amount will be determined upon the final recording of all time and expense charges. As of the Commencement Date, WG&M has a remaining credit balance in favor of the Debtors in the approximate amount of \$63,700 for additional professional services performed and to be performed and expenses incurred and to be incurred in connection with these chapter 11 cases. After application of amounts for payment of any additional prepetition professional services and related expenses, the excess advance amounts will be held by WG&M as a retainer.

7. None of the Debtors' prepetition payments to WG&M constitute voidable preferential transfers pursuant to section 547 of the Bankruptcy Code. Indeed, all payments to WG&M were made in a time and manner consistent with the ordinary payment practice between the Debtors and WG&M.

WG&M Disclosure Procedures

- 8. WG&M, which employs approximately 1,200 attorneys, has a large and diversified legal practice that encompasses the representation of many financial institutions and commercial corporations. WG&M has in the past represented, currently represents, and may in the future represent, entities that are claimants of or interest holders in, the Debtors in matters unrelated to the Debtors' pending chapter 11 cases. Some of these entities are, or may consider themselves to be, creditors or parties in interest in the Debtors' pending chapter 11 cases or to otherwise have interests in these cases.
- 9. In preparing this Affidavit, I used a set of procedures developed by WG&M to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules. and local rules of the Court (the "Local Rules"), regarding the retention of professionals by a debtor under the Bankruptcy Code (the "Firm Disclosure Procedures"). Pursuant to the Firm Disclosure Procedures, I performed, or caused to be performed, the following actions to identify the parties relevant to this affidavit and to ascertain WG&M's connection to such parties:
 - a. A comprehensive list of the types of entities who may have contacts with the Debtors was developed through discussions with the WG&M attorneys who have provided services to the Debtors and in consultation with senior management of the Debtors, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit 1 (the "Retention Checklist").
 - b. Using the Retention Checklist, the information provided by the Debtors, and additional information identified by WG&M, a list of names of

- entities who may be parties in interest to these chapter 11 cases (the "Potential Parties In Interest") was assembled.
- WG&M compared the Potential Parties In Interest to the names that c. WG&M has compiled into a master client database from its conflict clearance and billing records compiled since 1980 (the "Client Database"). The Client Database is comprised of the names of the entities for which any attorney time charges have been billed and includes the name of each current or former client, the name of the parties who are or were related or adverse to such current or former client, and the names of the WG&M personnel who are or were responsible for current or former matters for such client. It is the policy of WG&M that no new matter may be accepted or opened within the Firm without completing and submitting to those charged with maintaining the conflict check system and adverse party index the information necessary to check each such matter for conflicts, including the identity of the prospective client, the matter, and related and adverse parties. Accordingly, the database is regularly updated for every new matter undertaken by WG&M. The scope of the system is a function of the completeness and accuracy of the information submitted by the attorney opening a matter.
- d. Any matches between the Client Database and the list of Potential Parties In Interest were identified (the "<u>Client Match List</u>"), together with the names of the respective WG&M personnel responsible for current or former matters for the entities on the Client Match List.
- e. An attorney then reviewed the Client Match List and deleted obvious name coincidences and individuals or entities that were adverse to WG&M's clients in both this matter and the matter referenced on the Client Match List. The remaining client connections with regard to which WG&M had represented the client within the last two years were compiled for purposes of this affidavit.
- f. In addition, a general inquiry to all WG&M personnel (attorneys and staff) was sent by electronic mail to determine if any WG&M employee, or anyone in his or her immediate family (spouse, minor children, or family members living in his or her household) (i) owns any debt or equity security of any of the Debtors, to the extent applicable; (ii) holds a claim against any of the Debtors; and/or (iii) was an officer, director, or employee of any of the Debtors.

WG&M's Connections with Parties in Interest in Matters Unrelated to these Chapter 11 Cases

10. WG&M has identified the client connections disclosed below. The connections are categorized as follows: (i) Potential Parties In Interest, or affiliates thereof, for

which WG&M has rendered services within last two (2) years ("Current Clients"); (ii) Potential Parties In Interest, or affiliates thereof, for which WG&M has rendered services in the past two (2) years and with respect to which WG&M's engagement was formally closed ("Former Clients"); (iii) Potential Parties in Interest, or affiliates thereof, for which a WG&M engagement has been opened but no services have been rendered within the last six (6) months ("Potential Clients"); and (iv) Potential Parties in Interest, or affiliates thereof, which have a substantive relationship to a matter for which WG&M rendered services to a Current or Former Client, or affiliate thereof ("Related Entities"). All client connections were diligently reviewed by an attorney working under my supervision. From such review, I determined that, with respect to each connection between WG&M and such parties, WG&M does not hold or represent an interest that is adverse to the Debtors' estates, and that WG&M is a "disinterested person" as such term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for the reasons discussed below.

Current Clients

11. WG&M has rendered services within the prior two (2) years to the Current Clients described below, or their affiliates, in matters totally unrelated to the Debtors:

Matched Entity	Relationship to Debtors	Relationship to WG&M
American Express Company	Unsecured Creditor	Current Client/Affiliate of a Current Client
American International Group, Inc.	Unsecured creditor and insurance/benefits provider	Current Client
Avaya	Utility provider	Current Client
Capital Source Finance LLC	Secured Creditor	Current Client
Deutsche Bank	Directors and officer affiliate	Current Client
Jefferies & Company, Inc.	Bond holder	Current Client

Matched Entity	Relationship to Debtors	Relationship to WG&M
General Motors Corp.	Customer	Current Client
Putnam Properties	Significant lessor and lessees	Current Client
Sprint	Utility provider	Current Client
St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc.	Unsecured creditor and insurance/benefits provider	Current Client
Tyco International, Ltd.	Significant customer	Current Client
Wilmington Trust Company	Indenture Trustee	Current Client

- 12. To the best of my knowledge and information, the annual fees paid to WG&M by any of the Current Clients (and their respective affiliates) for either of the last two years did not exceed 1% (one percent) of the annual gross revenue of WG&M other than General Motors Corporation ("GM"), which represented 1.5% of WG&M's annual gross revenue in 2006.
- 13. GM is a customer of the Debtors. The Debtors' sales to GM in 2007 totaled \$499,000 or approximately .56% of the Debtors' 2007 sales and represent a less than <u>deminimis</u> amount of the \$163.7 billion in automobile manufacturing costs GM incurred in 2007. Through March 23, 2008, the Debtors have sold GM approximately \$134,088 worth of parts and estimate an additional \$193,000 in sales through July 2008.
- 14. In addition, WG&M currently represents GM in the chapter 11 cases of Delphi Corporation and its affiliates (collectively, "Delphi") in GM's capacity as creditor and largest customer of Delphi. Although Delphi is the largest customer of the Debtors, WG&M's representation of GM in the Delphi chapter 11 cases does not result in WG&M holding or representing an interest that is adverse to the Debtors' estates, because Delphi is adverse to WG&M's clients in both of these matters.

15. WG&M has not, does not, and will not represent any of the Current Clients or their respective affiliates or subsidiaries in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases or in other matters directly adverse to the Debtors during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases. To the extent issues may arise which would cause the Debtors to be adverse to any of WG&M's clients such that it would not be appropriate for WG&M to represent the Debtors with respect to such matters, another law firm will be retained to represent the Debtors with respect to such matters.

Former and Potential Clients

16. After diligent effort, WG&M has determined that, at this time, no Potential Party In Interest is a Former or Potential Client. To the extent any Potential Party In Interest becomes a Potential Client during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases, WG&M will make the appropriate supplemental disclosures to the Court. Further, to the extent any Current Client becomes a Former Client during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases, WG&M will make the appropriate supplemental disclosures to the Court.

Related Entities

17. After diligent effort, WG&M had determined that, at this time, no Potential Party In Interest is a Related Entity. To the extent any Potential Party In Interest becomes a Related Entity during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases, WG&M will make the appropriate supplemental disclosures to the Court.

WG&M Personnel Inquiry

18. WG&M has conducted a general inquiry of its personnel to determine whether any WG&M personnel or anyone in his or her immediate family (spouse, minor children, or family members living in his or her household) (i) owns any debt or equity security

of any of the Debtors; (ii) holds a claim against any of the Debtors; and/or (iii) was an officer, director, or employee of any of the Debtors.

19. As a result of the inquiry, WG&M has determined that Katie Zunno, an associate of WG&M, was formerly employed as an executive assistant at Lexington Precision Corp from the summer of 2002 until the summer of 2003. Ms. Zunno no longer maintains any connection with or relationship to Lexington Precision Corp. or its affiliates and holds no claims against the Debtors.

Other Disclosures

- 20. WG&M has represented, and may currently represent, entities which hold certain of the Debtors' debt in beneficial accounts on behalf of unidentified parties. However, these entities maintain no direct financial stake in the Debtors' economic performance.
- 21. Because distressed debt is actively traded in the commercial markets, WG&M may be unaware of the actual holder of such debt at any given moment. WG&M represents numerous entities in unrelated matters that may buy and/or sell distressed debt of chapter 11 debtors. As a result, out of an abundance of caution, I have listed many of such entities (or their affiliates) as represented by WG&M: Avenue Capital, Blackstone, Blue Ridge Capital, Brigade Capital, Carlyle Group, Caxton Associates, Cerberus Capital, Citigroup, DE Shaw, UBS, Elliott Associates, Eton Park, Farallon, Fortress, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Highbridge, Magnetar, Maverick Capital, Moore Capital, Och-Ziff, Omega Advisors, Ospraie Management, Pequot Capital, Perry Capital, Renaissance Technologies, Silver Point Capital, TPG-Axon, Tontine, York Capital, Barclays, Cambridge Place Investment Management, Centaurus Capital, KBC, Man Group, and ADM Capital.

22. WG&M will continue to apply the Firm Disclosure Procedures as additional information concerning entities having a connection with the Debtors is developed and will file appropriate supplemental disclosure with the Court.

WG&M's Rates and Billing Practices

- 23. WG&M's current customary hourly rates, subject to change from time to time, are \$650 to \$950 for members and counsel, \$355 to \$595 for associates and \$155 to \$290 for paraprofessionals in our United States offices.
- 24. WG&M's disbursement policies pass through all out of pocket expenses at actual cost or at estimated actual cost when the actual cost is difficult to determine. These expenses include facsimiles, toll calls, overtime, overtime meals, computerized research, deliveries, court costs, transcript fees, travel, clerk fees, and other expenses.
- 25. No promises have been received by WG&M or any member, counsel or associate thereof as to payment or compensation in connection with these cases other than in accordance with the provisions set forth herein. WG&M has no agreement with any other entity to share with such entity any compensation received by WG&M or by such entity.
- 26. The Debtors' Application requests, pursuant to section 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, approval of their retention of WG&M on rates, terms and conditions consistent with what WG&M charges non-chapter 11 debtors, namely, prompt payment of its hourly rates as adjusted from time to time and reimbursement of out-of-pocket disbursements at cost or based on formulae that approximate the actual cost where the actual cost is not easily ascertainable. Subject to these terms and conditions, WG&M intends to apply pursuant to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code for allowances of compensation for professional services rendered in these chapter 11 cases and for reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection therewith.

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27. The foregoing constitutes the statement of WG&M pursuant to sections 327(a), 328(a), 329, and 504 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and 2016(b).

/s/ Richard P. Krasnow
Richard P. Krasnow

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a notary public for the State of New York, County of New York, this 2nd day of April, 2008.

/s/ Duke Amponsah_____

Notary Public

Notary Public, State of New York No.01AM6172357 Qualified in Kings County Commission Expires Aug. 6, 2011

Exhibit 1

Retention Checklist

Debtors and Affiliates

Lexington Precision Corporation Lexington Rubber Group, Inc.

Secured Creditors

Capital Source Finance LLC Webster Business Credit Corporation CSE Mortgage LLC DMD Special Situations, LLC Commercial Alloys Inter-Tel

30 Largest Unsecured Creditors

Wilmington Trust Company Corporate Capital Markets

Wacker Silicones

Chase Brass & Copper, Inc.

Momentive Performance Materials, Inc.

St. Paul Travelers

Earle M. Jorgensen Company

Degussa-Huls Corporation

Copper & Brass Sales

Gold Key Processing, LTD

Ohio Edison

American Express

Channel Prime Alliance

Shin-Etsu Silicones of America

Lintech International

Vitex Corporation

QAD Inc.

Imperial Die & Mfg Co.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

Haley & Aldrich, Inc.

U.S. Silica

Georgia Power

Burgess Pigment Company

Energetix

Process Oils

Signature Aluminum

Keystone Profiles

Lion Copolymer

PPG Industries, Inc.

Technical Machine Products

Noteholders

Michael A. Lubin (includes affiliates)

Warren Delano

Jefferies & Company

Wilfred Aubrey International LTD

Cape Investments, Inc.

Sandler Capital Management

Valhalla Capital Partners LLC

Hedgehog Capital LLC

Harch Capital Management, Inc.

Leon G. Wagner

Mario A. Monello

Sima Wagner

John Gildea

R. Marcus Lane

Fred L. Schmitt, TTEE

Cliff Ferguson

Jane S. Rose

Sally Gardner Reed & Joyce Loveland Reed & Keith R. Read Jt. Ten.

Stanley Jacobson & Barber Jacobson Jt. Ten.

Neil Giardino

Craig MacKay

Steven Shapiro and Deborah Freedman

Edward Dugen & Tracy Dugan

Free Buffone

Indenture Trustees

Wilmington Trust Company

Significant Customers

Delphi Corporation

General Cable Corporation

Prestolite Wire Corporation

Tyco International LTD

Cooper-Standard Automotive, Inc.

Ethicon, Inc.

Other Customers

General Motors Corporation

Accountants Employed or Retained Within Two Years of Commencement Date

Malin, Berquist & Company LLP

Significant Lessors and Lessees

1984 Holdings, LLC

Boulter Industrial Contractor, Inc

Putnam Properties

Kings Grave Road

Inter-Tel

IKON

Pepper Pike Place Associates, LLC

Government and State Regulatory Agencies

U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission

U. S. Department of Labor

Significant Stockholders (5% or more)

Michael A. Lubin

Warren Delano

William B. Conner

Current Officers and Directors

Officers

Michael A. Lubin, Chairman

Warren Delano, President

Dennis J. Welhouse, CFO

Charles R. Jenkins, Assistant Treasurer

<u>Directors(or Managers, as applicable)</u>

Michael A. Lubin, Director

Warren Delano, Director

William B. Conner, Director

Kenneth I. Greenstein, Director

Joseph A. Pardo, Director

Elizabeth Ruml, Director

Keith G. Blockinger, President, Lexington Connector Seals Division

Michael D. Berry, President, Lexington Insulators Division

John C. Miller, President, Lexington Technologies Division

Kenneth Vivlamore, President, Lexington Machining Division

Former Officers and Directors for Last 3 Years

Officers

Florence Herst, Treasurer

<u>Directors</u>

None

Director and Officer Affiliations

Lubin, Delano & Company

Conner Holding Company

Nixon Peabody LLP

Salant Corporation

Phoenix Advisors LLC Brothers Gourmet Coffee Co. Weblink Wireless Deutsche Bank Bankers Trust Company

Salomon Brothers

Benjamin Moore & Company

Insurance/Benefits Providers

American International Group

CHUBB Group

Federal Insurance Company

Fireman's Fund Insurance Companies

Kemper Insurance

St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc.

Affiliated FM Insurance Company

Reliance Standard Life Insurance Co.

Employees in the Office of the U.S. Trustee

None

Unions

United Steel Workers of America IUE division of the Communication Workers of America

Tax Authorities

U. S. Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Arizona Department of Revenue

State of Delaware

Georgia Department of Revenue

Michigan Department of Revenue

New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

Ohio Department of Taxation

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Revenue

South Carolina Department of Revenue and Taxation

Tennessee Department of Revenue

New York State Sales Tax

New York State Tax Processing

Treasurer State of Ohio

Professionals

Malin, Bergquist & Company LLP

Nixon Peabody, LLP

Thompson Hine LLP

Snell & Wilmer LLP

W. Y. Campbell & Company

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

Chelko Consulting Group

Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice

Haley & Aldrich, Inc

Buck Consultants, LLC

Clark & Clark

Fisher & Phillips, LLP

Landair Surveying Co. of Georgia

Moreland Altobelli & Associates, Inc.

Sullivan & Worcester

Sutherland, Asbil & Brennan, LLP

CompManagement, Inc.

Banks

FirstMerit Bank, N.A.

Utility Providers

Ohio Edison

Dominion East Ohio (Gas)

Trumbull County Ohio Water

Embarq Communications, Inc.

Waste Management of Ohio

City of Rock Hill, SC

York County, SC Natural Gas

Comporium Communications

Allied Waste

City of North Canton, Ohio PU (water)

Stark County Sanitary Dept

AT&T

WCS

CanNet Internet Services

Georgia Power Company

Georgia Natural Gas

City of Jasper

ETC Communications, LLC

Premiere Global Services

AT&T Easylink Services

Sprint

Advanced Disposal Services

Superior Waste Services, Inc.

National Grid

City of Jamestown

Rochester Gas & Electric

Energetix

City Treasurer (Rochester, NY) (water)

Frontier Telephone

Safety-Clean Waste Management of NY ADT Avaya Pepper Pike Place Associates, LLC

Litigation Adversaries

Autoliv ASP, Inc. Autoliv, Inc. Lorraine Cerimele

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re : Chapter 11 Case No.

LEXINGTON PRECISION CORP., et al., : 08-11153 (MG)

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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 327(a) AND 328(a) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 2014(a) AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEBTORS, NUNC PRO TUNC TO THE COMMENCEMENT DATE

Upon the Application dated April 2, 2008 (the "Application") of Lexington Precision Corporation and Lexington Rubber Group, Inc., as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), pursuant to sections 327(a) and 328(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 2014(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), for entry of an order authorizing the Debtors to employ Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP ("WG&M") as their attorneys under a general retainer, all as more fully set forth in the Application; and upon consideration of the Affidavit of Richard P. Krasnow, Esq., a member of WG&M, sworn to on April 2, 2008 (the "Krasnow Affidavit"); and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Application and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order M-61 Referring to Bankruptcy Judges for the Southern District of New York Any and All Proceedings Under Title 11, dated July 10, 1984 (Ward, Acting C.J.); and consideration of the Application and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Application having been provided to (i) the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York,

(ii) the attorneys for the agents for the Debtors' prepetition lenders, (iii) the attorneys for the Debtors' proposed postpetition lenders, (iv) the attorneys for the ad hoc committee of noteholders, and (v) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis), and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and a hearing having been held to consider the relief requested in the Application (the "Hearing"); and the appearances of all interested parties having been noted in the record of the Hearing; and upon the Affidavit of Dennis J. Welhouse Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 1007-2, sworn to on April 1, 2008 (the "Welhouse Affidavit"), the record of the Hearing, and all of the proceedings had before the Court; and it appearing that the members and associates of WG&M who will be engaged in these chapter 11 cases are duly admitted to practice before this Court; and the Court being satisfied that WG&M represents or holds no interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates and is disinterested under section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates and creditors, and all parties in interest and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

ORDERED that the Application is approve <u>nunc pro tunc</u> to April 1, 2008, the date on which the Debtors commenced their chapter 11 cases; and it is further

ORDERED that pursuant to sections 327(a) and 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors' retention of WG&M as their attorneys under a general retainer in accordance with WG&M's normal hourly rates and disbursement policies as set forth in the Krasnow Affidavit is approved; and it is further

ORDERED that WG&M shall apply for compensation and reimbursement in

accordance with the procedures set forth in sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code,

applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure

of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, the Local Rules of

Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern

District of New York, the guidelines established by the Office of the United States Trustee, and

such other procedures as may be fixed by order of this Court; and it is further

ORDERED that notice of the Application as provided herein and therein shall be

deemed good and sufficient notice of the Application; and it is further

Dated: April ____, 2008

New York, New York

United States Bankruptcy Judge